

Fear of Drivers' Strike Ebb as Parleys Begin

Milk Men and Employers Meet With Federal Conciliator and Agree to Arbitrate Differences

Truck Conference Called

Owners to Meet Union Representatives To-day to Try to Reach Agreement

Chances of a strike of 12,500 teamsters and milk wagon drivers throughout New York were modified yesterday by eleventh-hour decisions of representatives of the employers and the union heads concerned to get together and do everything within their power to effect a peaceful settlement of their differences.

Meeting in the Hotel Martinique, and with a Federal commissioner of conciliation sitting in as chairman, officials of the New York Milk Conference and a committee representing the five locals of the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union of New York and its vicinity, decided after an all-afternoon meeting to open for discussion two proposed agreements—one which the employers want instituted, seeking a cut in wages, and the other the contract presented by the drivers, which calls for a \$5 weekly increase.

Parley to Begin To-day

Consideration of the agreements point by point, each of the thirty articles embodied in the two proposals, will begin to-day at another conference and with Charles Benheim, commissioner of conciliation, remaining in the chair. Both sides expressed themselves last night as hopeful of reaching an amicable adjustment of the controversy, possibly by to-night.

In the mean time preliminaries for a conference between heads of the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau and leaders of two locals of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, representing the drivers employed in the local trucking industry, were successfully concluded. The employing truckmen will meet the union representatives at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at Cavanaugh's Restaurant, 258 West Twenty-third Street, in an endeavor to arrange for a new working and wage agreement which will be acceptable to both sides.

The employing truckmen seek to obtain an agreement calling for a \$5-a-week wage cut and an increase in the working day from nine to ten hours, and threaten an open shop fight if a strike is begun. The teamsters declare for a renewal of the present agreement and back this up by a strike vote, which was taken Friday night.

Milk Drivers Desert Wagons

Widespread interest in the milk drivers' situation was caused during the morning, when a number of drivers employed by the Sheffield Farms Company in Brooklyn and the Bronx remained away from work for a large part of the day, depriving thousands of families of their daily quota of milk. It was declared emphatically by the union heads that this was not due to a strike, however.

"The reason that the men remained away from work was due to the action of the company in failing to return their delivery trucks to them," said Harry Plivnik, secretary of Local 584, composed of the drivers employed in greater New York. "This was done by the company because they feared the drivers would keep the books in the event that they went on strike, thus depriving the company of the accounts of its customers."

Later in the day, however, the books were returned to the men, on assurance that the books would be given back to the company if a strike was decided upon, and the drivers went back to work. There was no strike; it was merely a case of the men not being able to go out on their routes without their books.

Prompt Decision Essential

Plivnik said the reaching of a decision with the employers by to-morrow was imperative, inasmuch as the outcome of the conference must be placed before the union members for ratification or rejection at a meeting to be held during the afternoon in Madison Square Garden.

He regarded the outlook for a peaceful settlement of the "milk war" as "prospects are much better for a settlement," was the opinion expressed by I. Elkin Nathans, secretary of the Milk Conference Board.

"We're making progress," commented Commissioner Bendheim.

Weather Report

Local Official Record.—The following official record shows temperatures during the last twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding date of last year.

	1921	1920
8 a. m.	49	52
11 a. m.	48	51
2 p. m.	49	52
5 p. m.	48	51
8 p. m.	47	50
11 p. m.	46	49

Local Forecast.—Increasing cloudiness to-day; to-morrow unsettled, probably with rain. Temperature to-day, moderate to fresh easterly winds.

60 Autos Are Destroyed In \$250,000 Garage Fire

Member of Fireboat Injured Fighting Blaze in Barrow Street Building

Fire broke out a little before 8 o'clock last night in the three-story Barrow Street Commercial Garage, which has entrances at 168 Christopher Street and 136 Barrow Street. It swept through the entire building, which is of 150 feet frontage and a block in depth, destroying more than sixty automobiles, most of them trucks. The damage is estimated at \$250,000.

Fireman Martin Gleason, of the fireboat Thomas Willett, fell from the level of the second floor to the street when the roof of a shed on which he was standing caved in. His back was injured, and he was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Families in the tenement house at 176 Christopher Street were ordered out and firemen dragged several lines of hose to the roof, from which embers they fought the fire on that side. Residents in other tenements on Christopher, Barrow and Washington streets were warned to be in readiness to leave quickly.

Thirty-one horses were led out of a stable opposite the garage on Barrow Street, which was imperilled by the first burst of flame. Ralph Bash, proprietor of the garage, had left it just before the fire was discovered on the second floor, and the negro helpers who were in the building did not know how the fire started. Three alarms were sent in.

The New York Board of Cloak, Skirt and Reefer Makers' unions met yesterday afternoon with the executives of the ten affiliated local unions of the garment industry to discuss the published announcement of the cloak and suit manufacturers that after November 14 all work would be done on a piece-work basis. Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, was present.

Mr. Schlesinger informed the meeting that he had received a telegram from Chicago saying that an arrangement similar to that printed in New York newspapers had appeared in Chicago, and that if the same action was taken in other cities a nation-wide strike, involving 100,000 workers, would result. The date set by the Chicago manufacturers for inauguration of the piece-work system is December 1.

The piece-work system was abolished in 1919 and the week-work plan substituted. The re-introduction of piece-work, the union men say, will mean longer hours, smaller pay and a return to the sweat-shop conditions that existed prior to 1919. The rate of pay to be offered by the New York manufacturers on a piece-work basis has not been made known.

Last summer prolonged negotiations with the manufacturers resulted in the drawing up of a temporary agreement that expired November 1. Union leaders say that the latest move of the manufacturers, which was made without and with no attempt to arrange new terms, is one for an open shop not only in New York, but in the other large clothing manufacturing centers of the country.

At yesterday's meeting instructions were given to contest the piece-work proposal in every possible way, and communications were sent to unions in other cities not to permit abandonment of the week-work plan.

Mail Guarded Now by Armed Motorcyclists

Auto Used in Broadway Theft of Registered Pouches Remains a Mystery

When stage coaches carried the United States mails over Western trails there rode on the high seat beside the driver of the lumbering, six-horse vehicles a guard with a short-barreled shotgun between his knees. His job was to fight off highwaymen or Indian marauders.

A modern development of those frontier mail protectors appeared yesterday on the streets of New York. They were motorcycle outriders and they conveyed trucks conveying registered mail about the city. The corps consists of fifteen men and will be increased, according to Postmaster Edward M. Morgan.

The motorcycles are olive drab. They are equipped with side cars on which are lettered "U. S. Mail." An extra guard will be assigned to ride in each of the side cars. For the present only the operators of the motorcycles are armed. They carry .45 automatic pistols and their orders are "shoot to kill."

The Postmaster General last April ordered that motorcycle convoys be established. Some one in the New York Postoffice disobeyed the order. Mr. Hays believes that this disobedience made possible the hold-up of a registered mail truck at Broadway and Leonard Street last Monday night and the consequent loss of five pouches containing cash, securities and jewelry with a value in excess of \$150,000.

THREE PIECE CARVING SETS
Stainless steel, fine American make, well known maker
Reg. \$7.97 5.00

IMPORTED HAIR CLIPPERS
Sizes 1-0-000. For home or professional use
Reg. \$1.97 1.00

BLANKETS
Mostly all-wool plaids in a variety of colors, also white, with contrasting borders.
100% wool filling.
Value \$15.94 6.74

Distinctive DRESSES
For Women and Misses
18.73
Were \$24.73 and \$27.73

Smart tailored and semi-tailored models of satin velour, duvetyne, Canton crepe and tricot in styles as diverse and attractive as the materials which fashion them.

23.73
Were \$29.73 and \$39.73

Beautiful dresses of velveteen, charmeuse, Roshanara crepe and Georgetown, girdled and trimmed with cire ribbon, banded with self folds, embroidered with braid or finished with rows of buttons. Navy, brown and black.

SPECIAL VALUES
Women's Corduroy Robes
6.65
Were \$7.94

Wide wale corduroy in breakfast model or full length, lined throughout with dotted silk mull in matching tone. Colors: Copenhagen, rose and pansy—sizes 36 to 44.

Extra Size Corduroy Robes—full length model—sizes 48 to 52—were \$10.50—8.85

Box Loom Crepe Negligee—elastic waist-line—small round hemstitched collar—waist is prettily embroidered—colors Copenhagen, rose, wistaria, light blue and pink—were \$4.47—3.77

Two Day Sale
Knitting Worsteds
Were .50
37 hank

If you are planning to make a sweater or any other knitted article for a Christmas gift, this is the time to buy your supply of worsteds. And our competent instructors will advise and assist you with your stitches. This fine quality worsted may be had in rose, purple, tan, oxford, heliotrope, Venice, tangerine, khaki, radio, seal, black, white, navy and fawn, in 3 1/2-oz. hanks.

Department—Third Floor

Monday Tuesday
ORDER NOW
Your Personal Greeting Cards for Christmas

Extremely attractive selection of new designs are now displayed in the Stationery Section.

50 Cards—with name only—printed from customer's plate.....2.00

100 Cards—with name only—printed from customer's plate.....3.97

Name plate—engraved in script.....1.17

FLANNELS

Soft flannels for garments that will keep baby warm, and blankets for the rest of his family, are specially priced for Monday and Tuesday.

Silk Embroidered Wool Flannels—hemstitched or scalloped in a variety of patterns—were \$2.27.....1.68

Diaper Flannels—made of pure cotton—absorbent, sanitary, soft felted nap—27 inches wide—10 yards in piece—were \$1.75 piece.....1.48

Unbleached Domets—36 inches wide—soft downy nap—were .48......16

Bleached Domets—36 inches wide—soft downy nap—were .50......18

NOW OPEN
Hearn Dressmaking School
Course of Lessons 4.00

Appointments at your convenience. A short, simple way to learn the art of making your own clothes from the lovely fabrics here to be found in such variety.

Store Hours, 9 to 5.30

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Made Possible by Our Famous Cash-Buying, Cash-Selling Policy

Every Department Contributes Specials

Following for Both Monday and Tuesday

Sweater Sales

For Every Member of the Family

Because this is sweater season and gift season, too, we are placing on sale great assortments of specially chosen new sweaters notable for their fine quality, good style and variety. SWEATERS for golf and skating; for the school boy and girl; and comfortable, becoming styles to wear at home are displayed in extraordinary selection. PRICES are marked so far below regular values that no one need deny themselves the pleasure of wearing one or buying them now for holiday gifts.

Women's All-Wool Sweaters—one model illustrated—another, not shown, has button front, with Dutch collar, cross belt and pockets—colors are plain and combination effects in buff, brown, navy, Jockey red, Sorrento blue and black—were \$4.94.....3.33

Women's All-Wool Sweaters—new styles, with convertible revers that can be used to button or roll back in tuxedo style—shawl collar and cuffs—two-tone checked brush wool—were \$7.50.....5.57

Women's Brush Wool Scarf—illustrated very wide patent leather belt—brown combined with buff or the reverse effect—were \$6.94.....4.95

Women's Brush Wool Scarf—plain style—large variety of wanted colors—were \$2.24.....1.50

Girls' All-Wool Coat Sweaters—in the pretty style—buff, peacock, myrtle, navy and maroon—sizes 8 to 14 years—were \$3.28.....2.46

Girls' All-Wool Coat Sweaters—illustrated—plain or fancy weaves—buff, Pekin blue, heather mixtures, brown, maroon—sizes 8 to 14 years—were \$4.48.....3.38

Special Purchase Babies' Sweater Coats—belted models—white, brown, cardinal, peacock and buff—sizes to 3 years—were \$4.50.....2.84

Little Tots' Sweaters—Byron collar—with pockets or belt—exceptional assortment of medium and dark shades—sizes to 6 years—were \$5.97.....4.67

Men's Wool Sweaters—illustrated with and without collars—dark oxford, heather, navy blue—all sizes—were \$5.95.....4.45

Men's All-Wool Sweater Coats—also Shaker Knits—dark oxford, navy, maroon and other shades—all sizes—were \$7.95.....6.15

Men's All-Wool Cardigan Jackets—finest selected yarn—fast colors—all sizes—were \$9.95.....7.00

Men's Cardigan Jackets—black—all sizes—were \$9.95.....5.50

Men's Cardigan Jackets—black—well made—all sizes—were \$5.95.....4.45

Boys' Knit Helmets—matching sweater—excellent for sports and driving—were \$1.85.....1.10

Boys' All-Wool Sweaters—illustrated—roll collar and slip-on styles—plain colors and combinations of maroon, brown and heather—sizes 28 to 36—were \$3.94.....2.65

Boys' Sweaters—sleeveless slip-on style—maroon, brown, gray and navy—sizes 28 to 36—were \$2.24.....1.62

MORNING SPECIALS On Sale Monday and Tuesday Until 1 P. M.

To prevent dealers buying, quantities restricted. No Mail or Telephone Orders

\$1.57 and \$1.74 Satins.
35 inch.....1.23
Street and evening shades and black.
SILKS—MAIN FLOOR.

\$1.64 Costume Serges.....1.18
54 inches wide—all wool—fine twill—brown, navy and black.
DRESS GOODS—MAIN FLOOR.

40 ct. Mercerized Sateens, 36 inch......30
Light and dark shades—suitable for all lining purposes.
LININGS—BASEMENT.

30 ct. Yard Wide Outing Flannels......14
Splendid for warm garments for men, women and children.
WASH GOODS—BASEMENT.

53 ct. Silk Mixed Crepe de Chine......42
Street and evening shades.
WASH GOODS—BASEMENT.

22 ct. Nainsooks......16
36 inches wide—good wearing quality for underwear, babies' slips, etc.
WHITE GOODS—BASEMENT.

\$1.75 Napkins.....1.28
Bleached mercerized damask—hemmed—18 inches.
LINENS—MAIN FLOOR.

78 ct. Turkish Bath Towels......44
Heavy quality—double thread—hemmed—white or colored borders.
TOWELS—MAIN FLOOR.

\$10.94 Girls' Winter Coats.....8.00
Wool heather tones—large collars—lined throughout—sizes 8 to 14 years.
GIRLS' COATS—SECOND FLOOR.

\$4.98 Bed Spreads.....3.67
Satin finish—Marseilles—heavy raised patterns.
SPREADS—BASEMENT.

44 ct. Absorbent Cotton......29
16 oz. roll—for surgical and family use.
MUSLINS—BASEMENT.

87 ct. Imported Curtain Madras......46
45 inches wide—double borders—detached figure designs.
CURTAINS—BASEMENT.

\$5.97 Fine Velvet Rugs.....3.88
27x34—Medallion and small carpet designs—blue, rose and tan grounds.
RUGS—THIRD FLOOR.

\$1.48 and \$1.69 Men's Winter Underwear.....1.22
Light and heavy weight—shirts or drawers—gray soft finish—all sizes, 32 to 60.
MEN'S UNDERWEAR—MAIN FLOOR.

\$1.48 and \$1.65 Men's Woven Madras Shirts.....1.22
Hair line colored stripes on white grounds—blue, tan, green, pink, heliotrope, etc.—well made—sizes 14 to 17 neck.
MEN'S SHIRTS—MAIN FLOOR.

\$1.07 Pearl Handle Serving Pieces......58
With sterling silver ferrules—pie knife, cake knife, berry spoon, cold meat fork, bread knife, gravy ladle.
CUTLERY—MAIN FLOOR.

\$4.97 Salkaline Comfortables.....3.17
Attractive designs—cotton filled—full size—well stitched—winter weight.
COMFORTABLES—BASEMENT.

97 ct. Lace Trimmed Scarfs......68
For hat and dresser.
DECORATIVE LINENS—MAIN FLOOR.

\$10.50 Boys' Suits.....7.45
Sizes 8 to 17 years—all wool—gray, brown, tan, green, heather mixtures—many with yoke and inverted pleat models—full lined knickers—majority have extra trousers.
BOYS' CLOTHING—THIRD FLOOR.

18 ct. Cotton Towelings......12
Bleached and unbleached—good wearing quality—red and blue borders.
TOWELING—MAIN FLOOR.

78 ct. Extra Size Flannelette Petticoats......58
Blue and pink stripes, or gray.
WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR—2D FLOOR.

\$1.67 Sheets.....1.14
Made from standard grade sheeting—00x99.
SHEETS—BASEMENT.

\$1.00 Men's White Cambric Handkerchiefs......75
Box of 6.
Large size with spoke stitch initial.
HANDKERCHIEFS—MAIN FLOOR.

75 ct. Women's Initial Handkerchiefs—1/2 doz......55
White tape borders—sheer quality—good size.
HANDKERCHIEFS—MAIN FLOOR.

\$14.25 Cowhide Suit Cases.....10.00
1 1/4-inch strap—brass lock and catches—shirt fold.
SUIT CASES—THIRD FLOOR.

43 ct. Unbleached Muslins......21
54 inches—extra heavy.
MUSLINS—BASEMENT.

Sateen Comfortables
3.95
Were \$5.97

Their covers, with well stitched floral centers and plain borders, make them as attractive to the eye as their winter weight good cotton fillings make them comfortably warm. All full size.

Feather Pillows

All new feathers—white goose and down mixed—excellent tickings—variously striped.

20 x 28—were \$8.97.....	2.75
22 x 28—were \$4.57.....	3.07
24 x 30—were \$4.97.....	3.35
26 x 30—were \$5.57.....	3.72

WOMEN'S GAUNTLETS
Special 1.50

Gauntlets are the smart and practical gloves for Fall and Winter wear, and these are especially attractive. They are carefully made of soft leatherette, that looks like suede, and is washable; have spear backs and may be had in brown, gray or covert. They are ideal gifts for women who are particular about their gloves.

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1648 Pieces of
Men's Winter Weight Underwear

Special 1.45 Value \$1.95

These garments were made by a well known manufacturer, whose name is on every label and who sold his stock at a low price to make room for new shipments. They are wool mixed, double or single breasted shirts, and drawers. Men's Reis Union Suits—ribbed wool mixed—gray—soft finish—all sizes—were \$2.35.....1.75

Men's Root's Underwear—shirts or drawers—all sizes—Special.....1.89

Men's Otis Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers—all sizes—were .95......74

finer quality.....1.15

Men's Heavy Cotton Union Suits—tan or gray—all sizes—Special.....1.35

Muslins, Sheets, Spreads, etc.

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The home maker who knows values will appreciate these and purchase her household needs from the following list:

Fruit of the Loom Muslins—36 inches wide—Less than wholesale price......19

Unbleached Muslins—40 inches wide—were .18......12 1/2

Bleached Sheetings—2 1/2 yards wide—were .67......47

Hemstitched Sheets and Pillow Cases—PILLOW CASES

42x36—were .39.....	.28
45x36—were .41.....	.29

SHEETS

54x90—were \$1.19.....	.84
54x90—were \$1.89.....	.94
63x90—were \$1.39.....	.94
63x99—were \$1.59.....	1.04
72x99—were \$1.69.....	1.14
81x90—were \$1.69.....	1.14
81x99—were \$1.79.....	1.24
90x90—were \$1.79.....	1.24
90x99—were \$1.89.....	1.34

Bed Spreads—Full and 3/4 size—assorted—were \$1.98.....1.37

Extra Fine Crocheted Spreads—scalloped and cut corners—were \$4.49.....3.47

Satin Finish Marseilles Spreads—full size—hemmed or scalloped—were \$5.98.....4.47

Satin Marseilles Spreads—full size—floral patterns—were \$6.98.....5.47